

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 4, 2016 IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 147 EAST MAIN, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSIONERS WILLIAM STRINGER, MICHAEL MCKEE, AND MARK RAYMOND, CHAIR.

**ATTENDANCE:** LIBERTY BEST, MICHAEL WILKINS, BRYAN MEIER, SUZY ANDERSON, CHERYL MEIER, MATT CAZIER, ED ZURBUCHEN, TAL EHLERS, WENDI LONG, JEREMY RAYMOND, BRENDA MCDONALD, ADAM MASSEY, JON STEARMER, BARBARA SIMPER, LOREN ANDERSON, AND STEVE EVANS.

MINUTES RECORDED BY TAI BRUCKNER

PRAYER GIVEN BY SUZY ANDERSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY ED ZURBUCHEN

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 28, 2016 AND SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 31, 2016 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS DATED MARCH 31, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,464,286.92 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**TAX MATTERS:** NONE

**BUSINESS LICENSES:** MATT CAZIER

CLASSY BRASS RELOADING SUPPLY OWNED BY ALEC CARROLL LOCATED AT 4353 SOUTH VERNAL AVENUE IN A-1 ZONING. HE PROVIDES SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO RELOAD THEIR AMMUNITION. HE WILL NOT REQUIRE ANYONE TO COME INTO THE HOME; IT IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED IF THE SUPPLIES INCLUDED BLACK POWDER. IT WAS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATION BUT THE APPLICANT WAS ASKED IF HE WAS REQUIRED TO HAVE ANY STATE LICENSING OR SOMETHING THROUGH ATF AND HE STATED HE DID NOT.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR CLASSY BRASS RELOADING SUPPLY AS PRESENTED WITH THE CONDITION HE MEET ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND GUIDELINES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED.

JEREMY RAYMOND NOTED THE FIRE CODE ALLOWS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF QUANTITIES OF BLACK POWDER IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND HE WILL FOLLOW UP.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERMAL BASICS OWNED BY ANDREW STUBBS LOCATED AT 591 WEST 2000 NORTH IN RA-1 ZONING. HE INSPECTS HOMES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY. INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT FREQUENT HIS HOME, IT IS USED AS THE OFFICE. HE DOES HAVE A THERMAL IMAGER.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THERMAL BASICS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

JON STEARMER NOTED IT IS HEALTHY TO HAVE THE DISCUSSION REGARDING STATE AND FEDERAL CODES. COUNTY APPROVAL DOES NOT EXEMPT A LICENSE FROM FOLLOWING STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO VERIFY THESE ITEMS AND MAKE IT CLEAR THE COUNTY IS NOT SAYING INDIVIDUALS DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER LAWS.

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES: MICHAEL WILKINS**

DWAINE GRAMMER AND CHERYL GRAMMER ARE EXCHANGING BLOCK H211 LOT 2 SPACE 6 AND BLOCK H211 LOT 4 SPACE 1 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK FOR LOT 214 SPACES 2 AND 3 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY EXCHANGE AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BID OPENING AND POSSIBLE AWARD: CERTIFIED GENERAL APPRAISER**

MICHAEL WILKINS OPENED THE ONE BID THE COUNTY RECEIVED.

THE APPRAISERS OF PROVO, UTAH SUBMITTED A BID FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$163,585. THE BID INCLUDED 1363 PARCELS AT \$30 EACH; 1267 BUILDINGS AT \$85 EACH AND \$15,000 FOR LAND GUIDE AND PROGRAMMING.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE ASKED BARBARA SIMPER FOR THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. EVERY FIVE YEARS, ALL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND LAND IN UTAH COUNTY IS APPRAISED. THE AWARDED BID WILL ALSO ASSIST IN TEACHING AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOW TO DO COMMERCIAL APPRAISALS. THE COMMERCIAL APPRAISING WILL BE DONE IN 2017. MULTI RISK PROPERTIES, LIKE DUPLEXES, WILL BE DONE IN 2018. IT WILL ALL BE DONE AGAIN FIVE YEARS LATER. THE NEW GROWTH IS CAPTURED THROUGHOUT THE TIME IN BETWEEN. THE COSTS ARE IN REGARDS TO THE 2017 APPRAISAL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BID, REVIEW, AND AWARD AT A LATER DATE. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BID OPENING AND POSSIBLE AWARD: MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE**

MICHAEL WILKINS OPENED THE ONE BID RECEIVED.

DESERT MOUNTAIN CORPORATION OF RIVERTON, WYOMING SUBMITTED A BID OF \$82.23 PER TON AND \$9 PER TON FOR APPLICATION.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND WAS CONCERNED THIS WAS TOO HIGH. COMMISSIONER MCKEE ASKED BRYAN MEIER IF THIS COULD BE APPLIED BY THE COUNTY. BRYAN MEIER INDICATED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT STARTED APPLYING IT LAST YEAR AND DOES A FINE JOB. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE OPTION LEFT OPEN IF THEY NEEDED ASSISTANCE IN THE APPLICATION.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BID, REVIEW, AND AWARD AT A LATER DATE. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED.

STEVE EVANS ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION. BRYAN MEIER RESPONDED. THE MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE IS USED TO CONTROL DUST ON THE COUNTY DIRT ROADS. IT MAKES IT MORE STABLE ACTING AS A BINDER TO HOLD THE DIRT AND GRAVEL TOGETHER. WHEN IT IS FIRST APPLIED IT IS DONE SO AT A RATE OF ABOUT 60 TON PER MILE. THESE ROADS ARE ON THE SECOND OR THIRD APPLICATION SO IT WILL TAKE MUCH LESS, MORE LIKE 20 TON. THERE IS ABOUT 30 MILES OF ROAD.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED ONE OF THE SINGLE GREATEST COSTS OF MAINTAINING ROADS IS KEEPING THE GRAVEL ON THE ROAD. THE LOSS OF DIRT CAUSES THE GRAVEL TO COME OFF.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY**

TAL EHLERS PRESENTED THE MOU FOR APPROVAL. THIS IS THE SAME DOCUMENT USED WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO ALLOW THEIR FACILITIES TO BE USED IN CASE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY OR DISASTER. THE USU ATTORNEY'S HAVE REVIEWED IT AND ADDED #12 SO THAT NEITHER ENTITY IS BOUND. THIS

IS STANDARD AND APPROVAL IS RECOMMENDED. THIS ONLY INCLUDES THE MAIN USU BUILDING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IN VERNAL; IT DOES NOT INCLUDE ROOSEVELT OR THE UBATC.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MOU AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH USDA FOREST REGARDING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

CHERYL MEIER PRESENTED THE MOU FOR APPROVAL. THIS MOU GIVES THE COUNTY COORDINATING AND COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS WITH THE FOREST SERVICE IN REGARDS TO THE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN. IT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY LEGAL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PLAN AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED.

THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO HAVE. WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE CITIZENS; WE WILL BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION. STEVE EVANS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY COMPENSATION. THERE IS NOT. THE COUNTY PROVIDES A UNIQUE EXPERTISE IN REGARDS TO THE MULTIPLE USES OF THE LAND AND THE CITIZENS. THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW DRAFT DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS BUT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WILL BE INVOLVED EVEN BEFORE THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC. THE COUNTY WILL BE INVOLVED THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS. COMMISSIONER MCKEE ALSO NOTED THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH BLM PLANNING RULE 2.0 AS IT WOULD MINIMIZE LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT AND ELEVATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BLM GREEN RIVER DISTRICT REGARDING CRESCENT POINT ENERGY**

CHERYL MEIER ALSO PRESENTED THE MOU WITH THE BLM REGARDING CRESCENT POINT ENERGY. THIS MOU ALSO GIVES THE COUNTY COOPERATING STATUS TO WEIGH IN ON THE PROJECT AND PROVIDE INPUT.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH THE BLM AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF SNOW GROOMING AGREEMENT WITH ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST**

BRYAN MEIER NOTED THIS IS FOR THE 2016 YEAR NOT THE SEASON. IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND THE WORK THAT WILL BE DONE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. THE INVOLVED PARTIES GET TOGETHER EVERY YEAR TO REVIEW IT. SOME OF THE CHANGES INCLUDED THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT WITH THE FOREST SERVICE. THE COST TO THE COUNTY HAS ALSO CHANGED QUITE A BIT SINCE THE FOREST SERVICE PROVIDES AN OPERATOR. THE POSSIBLE AMOUNT WAS LISTED AT \$14,608; THIS YEAR IT IS CLOSER TO \$3000.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SNOW GROOMING AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED COMMISSIONER STRINGER ABOUT ADVENTURE WEEK. COMMISSIONER STRINGER INDICATED THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF IT. THEY HAVE ONGOING EVENTS

THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY TIED TO THIS PARTICULAR WEEK. ED ALSO ASKED COMMISSIONER MCKEE IF HE HAD MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE \$53 MILLION. COMMISSIONER MCKEE REPLIED THE CIB MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY. THE PROJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED BUT IT IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM. ED ALSO ASKED WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING IN REGARDS TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE. COMR REPLIED THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE TRI COUNTY HEALTH MEETING. THEY HAVE DISCUSSED TRAINING AND WAYS TO GET THE INFORMATION OUT. INFORMATION CAN BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS BUT YOUTH ARE NOT ALWAYS THE PROBLEM, SOMETIMES IT'S THE ADULTS. ED ZURBUCHEN FOLLOWED UP ASKING IF PHYSICIANS HAVE A VOICE WITH TRI COUNTY HEALTH. THERE IS A PHYSICIAN ON THE ADVISORY STAFF THAT IS UTILIZED FREQUENTLY. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND IS ALSO ON THE ASHLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD AND THEY HAVE DISCUSSED IT AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS.

ED ZURBUCHEN ALSO NOTED THE CAUCUS WAS WELL ATTENDED. THE COUNTY CONVENTION WILL BE SATURDAY. HE IS GLAD TO LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER MCKEE ASKED MW IF THE JUDGE WOULD BE RULING IN REGARDS TO THE CANDIDATE SIGNATURE GATHERING ISSUE. MICHAEL WILKINS RESPONDED THE JUDGE HAS UNTIL APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> BUT WILL RULE AS SOON AS HE CAN. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ADDED THE MAESER/DRYFORK CAUCUS HAD AROUND 170 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

STEVE EVANS ADDRESSED THE MEETING IN REGARDS TO THE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW HELD OVER THE WEEKEND. HE THANKED THE COUNTY FOR THE EXCELLENT STAFF AT THE WESTERN PARK AND ALL THEIR HARD WORK. THE EVENT WAS WELL ATTENDED AND THE VENDORS WERE HAPPY. HE HAD BEEN ANXIOUS THERE WOULD BE FEW PURCHASES BUT THE VENDORS DID NOT COMPLAIN. STEVE EVANS ALSO NOTED THE NRA BANQUET WILL BE HELD APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ATTENDED THE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW AS WELL AND THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD TURNOUT. AS IT IS A FREE EVENT IT IS HARD TO GET AN ACCURATE COUNT ON ATTENDEES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM COMMISSIONER MCKEE, STEVE ESTIMATED THE ATTENDANCE TO BE AROUND THAT OF THE ATTENDANCE IN 2008 AND 2009. HE NOTED THERE ARE STILL SOME INDIVIDUALS WORKING AND HE HEARD SOME POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT OUR FUTURE. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ADDED THE PRICE OF GAS IS NOW OVER \$2 A GALLON BUT OIL IS STILL DOWN. IT IS GRADUALLY COMING BACK.

BRYAN MEIER CLARIFIED THE COUNTY ACTUALLY APPLIES THE MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE AT 38 TON PER MILE NOT 60.

MICHAEL WILKINS ADDED FIVE CANDIDATES FILED THEIR INTENT TO GATHER SIGNATURES. OF THOSE FIVE, FOUR HAVE QUALIFIED BY RECEIVING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED. THE JUDGE HAS YET TO MAKE A RULING SO WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE CURRENT LAW AS IT IS.

ADAM MASSEY ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BOUTIQUE AIR. THE FORMAL GRAND OPENING IS TO BE HELD THIS FRIDAY AT 7:15 AM AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. THE PRESS IS INVITED. BOUTIQUE AIR IS TAKING RESERVATIONS AND PROVIDING SERVICE. THE A.R.F. (AIRPORT RESCUE AND FIRE) CREW WILL BE THERE AS PER FAA GUIDELINES TO ENSURE SAFETY AND QUICK RESPONSE TO ANY ISSUES. MELISSA ANDERSON NOTED THEY SAVED \$700 FLYING TO DENVER AND THEN TO DC FROM VERNAL INSTEAD OF TO DC FROM SALT LAKE. EARLY RESERVATIONS CAN GET ECONOMY PRICES AT \$49 A SEAT TO SALT LAKE AND \$69 TO DENVER. THE PRICES THEN INCREASE TO \$99 AND \$129, RESPECTIVELY. THE REMODEL OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING IS UNDERWAY AND WITH HARD WORK AND GOOD LUCK, IT WILL BE READY FRIDAY.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED THE SIX COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION HAS AGREED TO APPLY TO THE CIB BOARD FOR FUNDING TO DO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY TO EXTEND SEEP RIDGE ROAD TO I-70.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ADDED THIS IS A BUSY WEEK. THE EDUCATION SUMIT IS ON SATURDAY AS IS THE CONVENTION. THE SPORTSMEN FOR FISH AND WLDLIFE BANQUET AND JR PROM IS SATURDAY NIGHT. THE TENNIS TEAM HAS A TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND. THE MEET YOUR CANDIDATES NIGHT IS THURSDAY.

**ADJOURN:** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:56 A.M.

  
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MARK RAYMOND, CHAIR

  
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MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

